

HOUSE BILL 637  
By Cochran

AN ACT to name the bridge spanning Mill Creek on State Route 91 in Stoney Creek, Carter County in honor of the late Roy "R.H." Taylor.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Roy "R.H." Taylor, who served with distinction as the Highway Superintendent of Carter County, Tennessee for many years; and

WHEREAS, both as Highway Superintendent and as a private citizen, Mr. Taylor worked with purpose and conviction to make Carter County's road system one of the most comprehensive and best maintained in the State; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Taylor eagerly embraced the challenges of civic duty; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors, Mr. Taylor was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to build a brighter future via a better road system for his fellow citizens of Carter County; and

WHEREAS, the Carter County Commission has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge in Stoney Creek in Mr. Taylor's honor to permanently commemorate both his bountiful life of purpose and commitment and his long and distinguished record of public service; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Mill Creek on State Route 91 in Stoney Creek, Carter County is hereby designated the "Roy 'R.H.' Taylor Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished public servant and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Roy 'R.H.' Taylor Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if Carter County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Carter County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Carter County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Carter County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Carter County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.